Previously on SAO:
Kirito and the others had caught a glimpse of the «Dark Territory», and returned to the village without telling anyone. However, the next day, saw the appearance of an «Integrity Knight», who claims to have come for Alice—!
THE GIRL IS MERCILESSLY BOUND BY THE KNIGHT'S CHAINS.....
SFX: BIND
ESTEEMED KNIGHT!!
SFX: JUMP
SWORD ART ONLINE
ソードアート・オンライン
プロジェクト・アリシゼーション
PROJECT ALICIZATION
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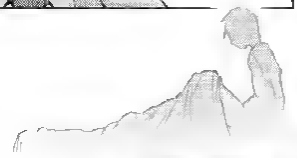
IS AN ACT THAT GOES FURTHER THAN THAT TRULY NECESSARY?
SHE JUST TOUCHED THE GROUND A LITTLE WITH ONE HAND..
A... ALICE DIDN'T STEP INTO THE DARK TERRITORY!
THAT'S ALL!
RRG H...
LISTEN, EUGEO I'M GONNA TAKE A SWING AT HIM WITH THIS AXE.
IN THE MEANTIME, YOU TAKE ALICE AND HIDE HER IN THE WHEAT FIELDS TO THE SOUTH.
TH... THEN BOTH OF US ARE ALSO GUILTY!
IF YOU'RE GONNA TAKE HER, TAKE US, TOO!!
Ki... Kirito
But

IF ALICE GETS TAKEN AWAY ON THE FLYING DRAGON HERE, IT'S OVER!
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF TABOO
IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN ALICE'S LIFE?!
That's
IT'S OKAY IF IT DOESN'T WORK!
IF HE TAKES US WITH HER, WE'LL DEFINITELY HAVE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE SOMEWHERE!
EUGEO!
But
WHAT ARE YOU CONFLICTED ABOUT?!
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO LET HIM TAKE ALICE?!
SFX CRACK
DAMN IT... CHIEF!
OLD MAN GARSUFT—!! ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?!
SFX FLASH

Wha...?!
REMOVE THOSE CHILDREN FROM THE SQUARE.
UGH-
L-LET GO!
SFX TUG
KIRITO!
SFX THUD
Ah
Ah
EUGEO!
PLEASE, GO!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, EUGEO?!
SFX WHOOSH!
AT LEAST DO SOME-THING ABOUT THESE GUYS!!
THEN I CAN...!!

Hah
The Taboo Index is absolute.
Hah
SFX THROB
THROB
The Axiom Church is absolute.
Ugh
Ugh
Go. I have to go.
I have to take Alice back and run for the woods in the south.
SFX THROB THROB
None may oppose it.
No person may oppose the Taboo Index.
SFX FWAP

EUUUUGEOOOOOO!!
EUGEO!
YOU HAVE TO SAVE ALICE!



KIRITO HAS RETURNED TO THE REAL WORLD. WERE THESE EVENTS A DREAM, AN ILLUSION, OR SOMETHING ELSE—?!

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